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Incorporate the provisions of the attached Independent Living Assistive Technology Proposal from the Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers. The program would fund the following:

Independent Living Centers (8 ILCs @ \$60,000 each)	480,000 20.435 (1)(0)
Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy	120,000 (T) (be)
Office for Persons with Physical Disabilities	60,000 (b) (a)
Agrability	60,000 (7) (be)
Wheelchair Recycling Program	80,000 (7)(be)
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■ This proposal has not been the subject of a previous paper or motion.

■ Cost: base funding of \$800,000 GPR for the biennium

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Independent Living Assistive Technology Proposal

Purpose

The purpose of the Independent Living Assistive Technology Proposal is to provide resources and technical assistance regarding assistive technology to persons of all disabilities and all ages in the state of Wisconsin.

The proposal we are suggesting is General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funding of \$800,000.

1.I	ndependent Living Centers (ILC's) for the eight Wisconsin ILC's (\$60,000 ea.)	\$480,000
2.7	Visconsin Coalition for Advocacy (WCA)	\$120,000
3.0	Office for Persons with Physical Disabilities (OPPD)	\$60,000
4. <i>A</i>	Agrability	\$60,000
5.X	Wheelchair Recycling Program (WRC)	\$80,000

Detailed Distribution

ILC's- The \$60,000 to each ILC would be used for the Assistive Technology/Adaptive Equipment Program. The Assistive Technology Specialist would provide information, resources and assessments for person's assistive technology needs. This would be based on the existing and latest information and products available. The Assistive Technology Specialist would maintain and update the equipment loan closet for test trials that would allow persons with disabilities to make informed decisions regarding their assistive technology needs.

WCA- The \$120,000 would allow WCA to provide statewide systemic advocacy on assistive technology issues. WCA would focus on assessing systemic barriers to the provision of technology in school systems, human service programs, businesses, and public and private insurance programs. WCA will develop education, training, technical assistance, and advocacy services to overcome the barriers.

OPPD- The \$60,000 to OPPD would provide the ability to administer the state funding, develop statewide reporting mechanisms, contract performance evaluation, training and additional resource development. Specifically, in the area of resource development, OPPD would work with assistive technology/adaptive equipment vendors to obtain equipment to maintain and update the trial equipment.

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Agrability - The \$60,000 to Easter Seals Society of Wisconsin to continue providing their unique program of providing persons with disabilities in the agricultural industry, living in the state of Wisconsin, with specialized assistance regarding adaptations/modifications to continue their chosen profession. $\omega\omega\omega.\omega dfi.orc$

WRC Program - The \$80,000 would allow WRC the ability to provide recycled medical equipment directly to consumers and programs in need and for equipment parts, maintenance, and distribution costs.

Historic perspective:

In 1990, the National Technology Act provided funding to all 50 states to develop a central resource in each state for the dissemination of assistive technology/adaptive equipment information. In 1992, Wisconsin obtained a \$640,000 annual grant extended to 10 years, to create the WisTech Program located at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). The idea of WisTech was that subcontracting to each of the eight ILC's. WCA. and Agrability provides Wisconsin with regional "technology" experts.

The WisTech program met the need of DVR, schools and local businesses to have a centralized resource for assistive technology/adaptive equipment information. The project was, and is, a perfect fit for ILC's, as technology/adaptive equipment is available and needed by persons of all disabilities and of all ages. Not only did WisTech fund ILC staff, but also, over the past 9 years it has helped each of the ILC's build an inventory of approximately \$35,000 of assistive technology/adaptive equipment. Since 1994, WisTech has also funded WCA's Assistive Technology Advocacy Program, and WCA has worked with the ILC's and other AT partners to identify and remove funding barriers.

Together, we have built an incredibly successful infrastructure for the provision of providing quality cost effective assistive technology services in the state. Without new resources, this important infrastructure will wither on the vine. Funds are needed to retain AT staff that are needed by: DVR, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) One-Stop Shops, and integral to the success of Governor Thompson's Pathways Initiative, implementation of new Work Incentives Act (WIAA) initiatives, and likely important for the success of the Family Care initiative.

General discussion points:

- 1. Technology/adaptive equipment specialists save money for DVR, Medicaid, Insurance, etc. By getting good information and test trials, individuals obtain equipment that works for them, not stuff doesn't work and gets put in the closet.
- 2. Technology/Adaptive Equipment allows individuals to be employed and less dependent upon paid help or institutional care.
- 3. New state initiatives, such as Pathways and Family Care, are dependent on technology to help individuals to be independent and minimize care and support of others.
- 4. The Agrability resource allows for the specialized expertise needed to assist farmers with disabilities to continue their chosen career.
- 5. The systemic efforts of WCA create a long term cost effective solution related to technology in schools, human services, and the business community.

Assistive Technology is Cost Effective

When looking at cost-effectiveness of assistive technology for tasks of daily living Activities of Daily Living (ADL's) you are really asking the question - "How does this item reduce the need for human assistance?" The equation, in dollars and cents, becomes people time vs. the price of the technology. Human assistance, be it a van driver, personal care assistant is an ongoing expense for the duration of the person's disability. Equipment is a one-time purchase (with replacement down the line, as things wear out). But the equation goes far beyond this. As a person with a disability develops the awareness that their environment is "handicapped," or has barriers, not themselves as a person, they start to realize how other barriers can be overcome. This may lead to increased independence, not just for tasks of daily living, but in other areas, such as employment. Once a person, business, and community see that environments can be modified to fit individuals needs that allow them to be productive citizens - the sky's the limit!

Grab Bars, Lift Systems, Motorized Wheelchairs are examples of assistive technology which also help reduce the need for personal care assistance. An average grab bar costs about \$20 and can be reused time and time again. Personal Care Assistance (PCA) care costs about \$15.50/hour and has to be continually used for assistance in transferring. A Lift System can vary in price, but starts around \$5000 for a basic system. It is a High Tech item used in assisting people to transfer independently or semi-independently. The price of a track lift system equates to about the same cost as 277 hours of personal care assistance. Say a person uses the track lift system for 10 years. The cost of the track system over 10 years would be cost effective if it reduced the need for PCA care by a little more than 30 minutes a week. Usually the savings in time will be much great than this, allowing family members or the individual with a disability to transfer themselves. It also helps prevent back injuries among PCA workers and can help prevent potential injuries to the consumer during a transfer. Apply the same math to having someone being pushed in a manual wheelchair vs. using an electric wheelchair. The savings can be immense.

Assistive Technology (AT) specialists are interested, impartial partners with persons with disabilities, they can guide them through the process of selecting the right equipment. This can be compared to the vendor company spokesperson who may be knowledgeable, but probably only about their own product line, and who usually works on commission.

Below is a sample of costs that are related to what might be saved and/or entered into the benefits of use of adaptive equipment technology:

AT specialists facilitate informed choice with consumers

An Assistive Technology specialist is not a sales person; they are technical consultants who work for the individual. Because they are not trying to move inventory, they can help the individual make objective decisions about a variety of devices. Assistive Technology specialists have training in both technology and disability, and understand how each interacts with the other. For instance, most funders and consumers believe that voice recognition software will facilitate independent computer access. While this is true, Voice Recognition does not always work well for persons with head injury, learning disability and other cognitive disabilities affecting the ability to sequence multiple step tasks. The Scan and Read systems that are especially useful for individuals with reading disabilities may conflict with certain types

of computer networks. Seating systems that may improve posture could result in a loss of functional abilities and an increased need for personal assistance. Understanding this human/technological interaction can make the difference between purchasing appropriate technology and wasting money.

Assistive Technology specialists are also familiar with a wide variety of funding sources, and can assist the individual with obtaining funding. Because Assistive Technology is such a specialty, consumers and funding sources can spend a great deal of time "fact finding." Having a trained consultant available can reduce the amount of time spent learning about all of the options. An Assistive Technology specialist can also help to ensure that funding is not wasted. Our program purchased a \$750.00 page-turner, a device that most people believe will permit independent reading. In reality, the device does increase consumer independence somewhat, but not as much as most people expect. It also increases the amount of work the caregiver must contribute. It does not work well with large books, or with pages that use lightweight paper. EVERY individual who has tried this device has opted not to buy it. Ten individuals were referred with funding, and after having an opportunity to work with an Assistive Technology specialist and try the device, all ten opted not to buy it, saving the funder over \$7500.00. Three others planned on paying for it out-of pocket and they also opted not to buy it.

Many people use a trial and error basis-"try this -doesn't work, try this-it works!" in order to select equipment. This is a valuable process, but can fall short, be expensive, or at least time-consuming. In order to facilitate informed choice AT specialists, by and large, are trained to take a functional approach when looking at tasks, barriers, and equipment.

Cost Effective Statistics

- 1. The average Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipient was awarded \$7152.00 last year; the threshold of poverty was \$7990.
- 2. The average wage index for a single person in 1999 was \$30,299.
- 3. 78,811 Wisconsin residents received SSI last year because of disability.
- 4. All of those people received Medicaid.
- 5. Medicaid funded personal assistance is reimbursed at \$15.50 per hour.
- 6. Treatment of pressure sores can cost as much as \$90,000-not counting lost wages.

Dressing aids assistive devices that are generally inexpensive reduce the need for personal assistance. See statistic #5

Kitchen adaptive devices not only allow the user to prepare food independently, but may allow the user to buy more labor intensive (less pre-prepared) foods which are usually cheaper. This cost savings can be very beneficial to individuals on low or fixed incomes. See # 1

Grasping aids can increase independence across the spectrum of household activities-from ADL's to housekeeping, driving, money management (adapted writing utensils), communication (telephone holders and writing aids) and recreation.

Environmental controls such as electronic emergency alert devices only increase personal independence and safety, but also can stretch personal care dollars by allowing the user to be alone in a safe environment. See statistic #5

Communication aids allow for independent communication, which can result in a cost savings for medical and personal care by allowing the user to take an active role in directing treatment

and activities. They also reduce secondary complications of disability such as depression; and increase personal safety by affording the user a method of reporting abuse. See statistic #3-5 Seating and Positioning is probably the most under-appreciated form of Assistive Technology. It can not only make the user more comfortable, it can increase productivity at work, reduce complications of inactivity such as skin breakdown, respiratory and circulatory problems, and increase overall functional ability in all areas of life. See statistic #2, 5, and 6.

Driving/transportation aids increase personal independence, and increase employability by allowing the user to work in jobs that require "transportation mobility". They also decrease stress on caregivers by allowing for more spontaneous outings, not only for medical care but also for other family related activities. Reduced caregiver stress translates to better care, less reliance on "the system", and reduced need for service dollars. See statistic #3 and 5.

Transferring/bathing/toilet aids provide much needed support for the caregiver, offering the above mentioned benefits AND reducing the incidence of injury to the caregiver thereby reducing worker's comp and insurance costs. They also increase safety and reduce the likelihood of developing pressure sores. See statistic #3, 5, and 6.

Computer adaptations increase overall work and educational productivity-reducing the need for economic support and personal assistance in the educational system. See statistic # 1-3. Architectural adaptations/universal design is almost always cost effective because of the overall increase in personal and caregiver functioning that occurs when it is not necessary to "fight" the environment.

Telecommunications equipment allows for safety, increased employability, and all of the benefits of the communication devices listed above.

List of AT from Hi tech to Low tech, by category & average cost

Communication Aids - range from \$8.00 -\$20 for homemade simple boards, \$200-\$400 for small 2-8 message devices, \$1000-\$2600 for limited vocabulary devices, to over \$8000 for high tech dynamic display devices.

Kitchen Gadgets range from \$1.75 for low-tech manual devices to \$200-400 for food processors and microwaves.

Reachers average about \$20.00

Dressing aids average \$15.00 or less

Writing adaptations range from \$0.75-10.00 for grippers and adapted pens, to \$200-800 for computer adaptations

Eating/feeding adaptations-\$3-8 for low tech, \$200 or more for feeders.

Environmental controls range from \$12.95 for a touch lamp converter kit, to \$4000 for a voice activated home automation system

Assistive Technology Stories

Leslie had several strokes and found herself having significant difficulty following conversations, especially in meetings. Her ability to perform her job was being affected, and she was concerned about being able to maintain an acceptable level of productivity. The Assistive Technology Coordinator worked with her to identify her communication strength, which turned out to be written communication. The option of Real Time Captioning was found to be an effective method of assuring communication during large meetings. This individual now requests closed captioning on videos and watches captioned television, and has also been given some coaching on how to control verbal communication to allow for her slower auditory processing. An unintended benefit of using captioning at work is that a co-worker with Central

Auditory Processing Disorder is also able to benefit from the same adaptation. Leslie also used the equipment trial program to identify dressing aids and a headset for her telephone. She remains a valued employee and has developed a national reputation in her field.

A family member referred Lydia to our services. Lydia was 80 years old at the time of her referral and had experienced age related hearing loss. Lydia had worked closely with a county case manager and had received funding via the Telecommunications Assistance Program (TAP) for a Text Telephone (TTY). Lydia was not about to learn how to use the TTY because it was just to complicated for her. Lydia's family believed that if someone took the time to sit down with her, she could learn to use it and have a venue for communication with family and friends. IL staff met with Lydia once a week for a month going over how to make calls, receives calls, and how to utilize Telerelay services. Staff role-played with her and practiced by calling staff at the center to build Lydia's confidence. Lydia soon became very self assured and one day called the center, bursting with excitement, that she had placed an order to her Avon lady by using Telerelay. What a success!

A farmer from Malone depends on his tractors for preparing land, cutting hay, chopping corn, and general utility work. Arthritis in his back, hips and knees made it difficult for him to enter and exit his tractors. It was also painful and fatiguing for him to operate the tractors, because the seats did not provide proper lumbar support and placed his knees in an improper position. This farmer can continue to use his tractors thanks to the addition of steps and handrails, costing \$250, which make the tractors easier to enter and exit. New seats, costing less than \$200, provide lumbar support and help the farmer keep his back and knees in a healthier position.

A farmer from **Kenosha** has degenerative arthritis of the back and shoulders, and was feeding his cattle with a feed cart that had small, hard, rubber tires. It was difficult and painful for the farmer to stoop, push and pull this cart, and using it caused pain in his shoulders and back. Spending \$300 on a 24"-wheel cart has solved these problems. The larger wheels raise the level of the grain up to a more appropriate height, making it unnecessary to stoop to use the cart. The larger, pneumatic wheels also make the weight of the cart easier to manage.

A farmer from Marathon has back and leg problems, which made it difficult for her to carry wash buckets, buckets and milk units from the milk house to the barn where the milking is done. Her barn is 50 feet long, and she had to make up to seven trips per milking, carrying the buckets and milk units. The bucket was kept on the floor, requiring her to bend repetitively to ankle level each time she needed a wash towel to prep the udders of the cow before milking. She now uses a Loyal milking cart, which cost \$150, to carry all of her buckets and milk units, reducing the number of trips needed to move wash materials from seven to one. The cart also brings the bucket to waist level, eliminating much of the bending she had to do to get towels to wash and prep each cow prior to milking.

A farmer from Kewaunee must use brooms, shovels, scrapers and forks for cleaning his barns and feeding his cattle. Using these items caused fatigue and pain in his arthritic knees and hips. A carton of Upper Hand devices, costing \$79, made it possible for this farmer to install these attachments on his handled tools which raised and balanced the weight of lifting and reduced the bending and stooping that was required to clean his barns and feed his cattle.

Assistive Technology Systems Change Initiatives

The State of Wisconsin Medical Assistance Program had set an arbitrary limit of \$5000 as the maximum amount they would spend in a ten-year period on an augmentative communication device. This limit on funding resulted in the inability of persons with disabilities to get coverage for certain devices, even though the device was medically necessary. In addition, this policy interfered with the ability of users to obtain needed repairs and upgrades. Under the policy, a child was expected to use the same communication device at age 15 that he or she had obtained at age 6.

WCA advocacy resulted in the elimination of this barrier. The court found that both the cap and life expectancy were in violation of Medicaid law, and also were imposing cost sharing responsibilities, which are illegal, for recipients under age 21. Additionally, the court concluded that the cap did not follow Medicaid principles which require that the recipient be provided services necessary to maximize her or his potential abilities, and did not give proper consideration to the growing communication needs of a child. Therefore, Wisconsin Medicaid was ordered to provide the communication device and all supplementary equipment.

Since that decision, Medicaid is now willing to reimburse at a 90% rate any medically necessary device. (Many providers have indicated that they are willing to accept that amount as payment in full.) This has effectively eliminated the \$5,000 cap and 10-year life expectancy. This policy is in effect retroactive to February 23, 1998.

School districts often fail to see the value of funding independent AT evaluations, even though parents clearly have a right to them, and even though such evaluations are a valuable tool in both educational planning and in dispute resolution between parents and schools. WCA advocacy has led to favorable decisions on independent evaluations that have subsequently clarified the school's responsibilities. In addition, all cases WCA worked on in this area have been settled in the parent's favor prior to using the more expensive due process system.

Technology in the schools: the TEACH Initiative. The Governor of Wisconsin launched a major new educational technology initiative called TEACH Wisconsin designed to provide schools with data lines and video links for the 21st Century, increase the use of computers and the Internet, and provide computer hardware and software. However there was no guarantee that the new technology would be accessible to and usable by students with disabilities. WCA staff teamed up with Independent Living Center staff on this initiative.

WCA staff requested and received copies of TEACH plans submitted by many local school districts to DPI for approval. Staff examined these plans and found many to be deficient in regard to the accessibility of the proposed technology. This was brought to the attention of the TEACH Board. TEACH responded by first taking steps to ensure that technology in special education classrooms was accessible. WCA intervened, explaining that all technology must be

accessible, for the benefit of all students and all school personnel, and further positive changes were made.

AT in private post-secondary institutions. As opposed to the public university system, private post-secondary institutions of learning in Wisconsin often do not have clear policies regarding the provision of assistive technology as a reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. At least two such institutions came to the attention of our project through advocacy referrals. In both cases, WCA staff successfully challenged equipment funding denials, and then reported our results through various disability networks and our own AT newsletter. Once again, these cases were resolved through mediation and did not require more expensive and time-consuming litigation.

The successful resolution of both cases resulted in both institutions reviewing and revising policies, gaining knowledge about ADA/504 requirements, establishing better linkages with VR, and improving practices relating to individual students.

Examples of Successfully Resolved Individual Advocacy Issues

WCA intervened on behalf of three people with disabilities who had been denied VR assistance in obtaining accessible motor vehicles needed for work. We were successful in our efforts with two of these individuals and they have been able to maintain gainful employment through the use of these vehicles.

WCA, working in conjunction with an Independent Living Center, successfully resolved a case under the Wisconsin's Wheelchair Lemon Law involving a woman whose wheelchair had many serious and potentially dangerous problems (for example, it would begin to move in reverse without warning). The Burlington woman had exhausted all appeals before she contacted WCA. The company settled out of court by providing the woman with a new wheelchair and monetary damages.

WCA teamed up with an Independent Living Center to challenge Wisconsin's Medicaid program policy to prohibit the purchase of more than one wheelchair for a single beneficiary. WCA intervened on the behalf a six-year-old child from Superior with cerebral palsy who already had a motorized wheelchair. That wheelchair was not functional in all settings, nor could the child independently use that device in many settings. The child obtained a manual wheelchair after a successful administrative hearing on the matter.

WCA won a private insurance settlement for a man with cystic fibrosis who had been denied a percussion vest. The company denied the claim, stating the device was experimental and medically unnecessary. WCA used internal insurance company appeals mechanisms to reverse the ruling.



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SDC:.....Keckhaver – CN5021, Independent living assistive technology FOR 2001-03 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION CAUCUS SENATE AMENDMENT

TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

At the locations indicated, amend the substitute amendment as follows:

Page 130, line 14: delete "council on".

1. Page 212, line 15: delete "council on".

2. Page 365, line 9: after that line insert:

4. "SECTION 721r. 20.435 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5. 20.435 (6) (a) General program operations; projects; council on physical disabilities. The amounts in the schedule for general program operations, including field services and administrative services, for the demonstration projects under 1999

Wisconsin Act 9, section 9123 (3) (a) and for operation of the council on physical disabilities under s. 46.29, and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (f) (a)."

History: 1971 c. 125 ss. 138 to 155, 522 (1); 1971 c. 211, 215, 302, 307, 322; 1973 c. 90, 198, 243; 1973 c. 284 s. 32; 1973 c. 308, 321, 322, 333, 336; 1975 c. 39 ss. 153 to 173, 732 (1), (2); 1975 c. 41 s. 52; 1975 c. 82, 224, 292; 1975 c. 413 s. 18; 1975 c. 422, 423; 1975 c. 430 ss. 1, 2, 80; 1977 c. 29 ss. 236 to 273, 1657 (18); 1977 c. 112; 1977

as affected by sconsin Act act), c. 203 s. 106; 1977 c. 213, 233, 327; 1977 c. 354 s. 101; 1977 c. 359; 1977 c. 418 ss. 129 to 137, 924 (18) (d), 929 (55); 1977 c. 428 s. 115; 1977 c. 447; 1979 c. 32 s. 92 (11); 1979 c. 34, 48; 1979 c. 102 s. 237; 1979 c. 111, 175, 177; 1979 c. 221 ss. 118g to 133, 2202 (20); 1979 c. 238, 300, 331, 361; 1981 c. 20 ss. 301 to 356b, 2202 (20) (b), (d), (g); 1981 c. 93 ss. 3 to 8, 186; 1981 c. 298, 314, 317, 359, 390; 1983 a. 27 ss. 318 to 410, 2202 (20); 1983 a. 192, 199, 245; 1983 a. 333 s. 6; 1983 a. 363, 398, 410, 427; 1983 a. 435 ss. 2, 3, 7; 1983 a. 538; 1985 a. 24, 29, 56, 73, 120, 154, 176, 255, 281, 285, 332; 1987 a. 27, 339, 368, 398, 399, 402; 1987 a. 403 ss. 25, 256; 1987 a. 413; 1989 a. 13, 53; 1989 a. 102; 1989 a. 107; ss. 11, 13, 17 to 37; 1989 a. 120, 122, 173, 199, 202, 318, 336, 399; 1991 a. 6, 39, 189, 269, 275, 290, 315, 322; 1993 a. 16, 76, 98, 99, 168, 183, 377, 437, 445, 446, 450, 469, 479, 490, 491; 1995 a. 27, 8. 806 to 961r, 9126 (19); 1995 a. 777, 98; 1995 a. 216 ss. 26, 27; 1995 a. 266, 276, 289, 303, 404, 404, 448, 464, 468; 1997 a. 27 ss. 211, 214, 216, 217, 527 to 609; 1997 a. 35, 105, 231, 237, 280, 293; 1999 a. 5, 9, 32, 52, 84, 103, 109; 13, 133, 185, 186.

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History: 1971 c. 125 ss. 138 to 155, 522 (1); 1971 c. 211, 215, 302, 307, 322; 1973 c. 90, 198, 243; 1973 c. 284 s. 32; 1973 c. 308, 321, 322, 333, 336; 1975 c. 39 ss. 153 to 173, 732 (1), (2); 1975 c. 41 s. 52; 1975 c. 82, 224, 292; 1975 c. 413 s. 18; 1975 c. 422, 423; 1975 c. 430 ss. 1, 2, 80; 1977 c. 29 ss. 236 to 273, 1657 (18); 1977 c. 112; 1977 c. 203 s. 106; 1977 c. 213, 233, 327; 1977 c. 354 s. 101; 1977 c. 359; 1977 c. 418 ss. 129 to 137, 924 (18) (d), 929 (55); 1977 c. 428 s. 115; 1977 c. 447; 1979 c. 32 s. 92 (11); 1979 c. 34, 48; 1979 c. 102 s. 237; 1979 c. 111, 175, 177; 1979 c. 221 ss. 118g to 133, 2202 (20); 1979 c. 238, 300, 331, 361; 1981 c. 20 ss. 301 to 356b, 2202 (20) (b), (d), (g); 1981 c. 93 ss. 3 to 8, 186; 1981 c. 298, 314, 317, 359, 390; 1983 a. 27 ss. 318 to 410, 2202 (20); 1983 a. 192, 199, 245; 1983 a. 333 s. 6; 1983 a. 363, 398, 410, 427; 1983 a. 435 ss. 2, 3, 7; 1983 a. 538; 1985 a. 24, 29, 56, 73, 120, 154, 176, 255, 281, 283, 332; 1987 a. 27, 339, 308, 399, 402; 1987 a. 403 ss. 25, 250; 1987 a. 413; 1989 a. 35 ss. 1989 a. 50 ss. 13, 259; 1989 a. 102; 1989 a. 107 ss. 11, 13, 17 to 37; 1989 a. 120, 122, 173, 199, 202, 318, 336, 359; 1991 a. 6, 39, 189, 269, 275, 290, 315, 322; 1993 a. 16, 27, 76, 98, 99, 168, 183, 377, 437, 445, 446, 450, 469, 479, 490, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 806 to 961r, 9126 (19); 1995 a. 77, 98; 1995 a. 216 ss. 26, 27; 1995 a. 266, 276, 289, 303, 404, 417, 440, 448, 464, 468; 1997 a. 27 ss. 211, 214, 216, 217, 527 to 609; 1997 a. 35, 105, 231, 237, 280, 293; 1999 a. 5, 9, 32, 52, 84, 103, 109, 113, 133, 185, 186.

3. Page 365, line 21: after "46.48" insert "and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (*) (b), (c), and (d)".

4. Page 366, line 12: after that line insert:

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Nisconsin Acts. ...s (this act), "Section 725b. 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (7) (bc) Grants for community programs. The amounts in the schedule for grants for community programs under s. 46.48 and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (*) (b), (c), and (d). Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (b) and 20.002 (1), the department of health and family services may credit or deposit into this appropriation funds for the purpose specified in s. 46.48 (13) that the department transfers from the appropriation under

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11 **5.** Page 366, line 20: after that line insert:

"SECTION 726p. 20.435 (7) (c) of the statutes is amended to read: 12

> 20.435 (7) (c) Independent living centers. The amounts in the schedule for the purpose of making grants to independent living centers for the severely disabled under s. 46.96 and under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (*) (e).

History: 1971 c. 125 ss. 138 to 155, 522 (1); 1971 c. 211, 215, 302, 307, 322; 1973 c. 90, 198, 243; 1973 c. 284 s. 32; 1973 c. 308, 321, 322, 333, 336; 1975 c. 39 ss. 153 to 173, 732 (1), (2); 1975 c. 41 s. 52; 1975 c. 82, 224, 292; 1975 c. 413 s. 18; 1975 c. 422, 423; 1975 c. 430 ss. 1, 2, 80; 1977 c. 29 ss. 236 to 273, 1657 (18); 1977 c. 112; 1977 c. 203 s. 100; 1977 c. 213, 233, 327; 1977 c. 354 s. 101; 1977 c. 359; 1977 c. 418 ss. 129 to 137, 924 (18) (d), 929 (55); 1977 c. 428 s. 115; 1977 c. 447; 1979 c. 32 s. 92 (11); 1979 c. 34, 48; 1979 c. 102 s. 237; 1979 c. 111, 175, 177; 1979 c. 221 ss. 118g to 133, 2202 (20); 1979 c. 238, 300, 331, 361; 1981 c. 20 ss. 301 to 356b, 2202 (20) (b), (d), (g); 1981 c. 93 ss. 3 to 8, 186; 1981 c. 298, 314, 317, 359, 390; 1983 a. 27 ss. 318 to 410, 2202 (20); 1983 a. 192, 199, 245; 1983 a. 333 s. 6; 1983 a. 363, 398, 410, 427; 1983 a. 345 ss. 2, 3, 7; 1983 a. 538; 1985 a. 24, 29, 56, 73, 120, 154, 176, 255, 281, 285, 332; 1987 a. 27, 339, 368, 398, 399, 402; 1987 a. 403 ss. 25, 256; 1987 a. 413; 1989 a. 31, 53; 1989 a. 56 ss. 13, 259; 1989 a. 102; 1989 a. 107 ss. 11, 13, 17 to 37; 1989 a. 120, 122, 173, 199, 202, 318, 336, 359; 1991 a. 6, 39, 189, 269, 275, 290, 315, 322; 1993 a. 16, 27, 76, 98, 99, 168, 183, 377, 437, 445, 446, 450, 469, 479, 490, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 806 to 961r, 9126 (19); 1995 a. 77, 98; 1995 a. 216 ss. 26, 27; 1995 a. 266, 276, 289, 303, 404, 417, 440, 448, 464, 468; 1997 a. 27 ss. 211, 214, 216, 217, 527 to 609; 1997 a. 35, 105, 231, 237, 280, 293; 1999 a. 5, 9, 32, 52, 84, 103, 109, 113, 133, 185, 186.

SECTION 726q. 20.435 (7) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

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20.435 (7) (c) Independent living centers. The amounts in the schedule for the purpose of making grants to independent living centers for the severely disabled under s. 46.96 and under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (**) (e).".

History: 1971 c. 125 ss. 138 to 155, 522 (1); 1971 c. 211, 215, 302, 307, 322; 1973 c. 90, 198, 243; 1973 c. 284 s. 32; 1973 c. 308, 321, 322, 333, 336; 1975 c. 39 ss. 153 to 173, 732 (1), (2); 1975 c. 41 s. 52; 1975 c. 82, 224, 292; 1975 c. 413 s. 18; 1975 c. 422, 423; 1975 c. 430 ss. 1, 2, 80; 1977 c. 29 ss. 236 to 273, 1657 (18); 1977 c. 112; 1977 c. 20 ss. 106; 1977 c. 213, 233, 327; 1979 c. 354 s. 101; 1977 c. 359; 1977 c. 418 ss. 129 to 137, 924 (18) (d), 929 (55); 1977 c. 428 s. 115; 1977 c. 447; 1979 c. 32 s. 92 (11); 1979 c. 34, 48; 1979 c. 102 s. 237; 1979 c. 111, 175, 177; 1979 c. 221 ss. 118g to 133, 2202 (20); 1979 c. 238, 300, 331, 361; 1981 c. 20 ss. 301 to 356b, 2202 (20) (b), (d), (g); 1981 c. 93 ss. 3 to 8, 186; 1981 c. 298, 314, 317, 359, 390; 1983 a. 27 ss. 318 to 410, 2207 (70); 1983 a. 192, 199, 245; 1983 a. 333 s. 6; 1983 a. 363, 398, 410, 427; 1983 a. 435 ss. 2, 3, 7; 1983 a. 538; 1985 a. 24, 29, 56, 73, 120, 154, 176, 255, 281, 285, 332; 1987 a. 27, 339, 368, 398, 399, 402; 1987 a. 403 ss. 25, 256; 1987 a. 413; 1989 a. 31, 53; 1989 a. 56 ss. 13, 259; 1989 a. 102; 1989 a. 107 ss. 11, 13, 71 to 37; 1989 a. 120, 122, 173, 199, 202, 318, 336, 359; 1991 a. 6, 39, 189, 269, 275, 290, 315, 322; 1993 a. 16, 27, 76, 98, 99, 168, 183, 377, 437, 445, 446, 450, 469, 479, 490, 491; 1995 a. 27 ss. 80; 1997 a. 27 ss. 211, 214, 216, 217, 527 to 609; 1997 a. 35, 105, 231, 237, 280, 293; 1999 a. 5, 9, 32, 52, 84, 103, 109, 113, 133, 185, 186.

6. Page 1338, line 20: after that line insert.

under section 20.435 (6) (a) of the statutes, the subunit in the department of health and family services that deals with physical disabilities shall expend \$30,000 in each of state fiscal year 2001–02 and 2002–03 to administer funding for assistive technology and adaptive equipment for persons with physical disabilities; develop statewide reporting mechanisms, contract performance evaluation, and training; and work with vendors to obtain updated assistive technology and adaptive equipment.

- (b) From the appropriation under section 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall distribute \$60,000 in each of state fiscal years 2001–02 and 2002–03 to the protection and advocacy agency designated under section 51.62 (2) of the statutes to provide statewide systemic advocacy on assistive technology issues, including assessing barriers to the provision of assistive technology in school systems, human services programs, businesses, and public and private insurance programs.
- (c) From the appropriation under section 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall distribute \$30,000 in each of state fiscal years 2001–02 and 2002–03 to the Easter Seals Society of Wisconsin, Inc., to

provide persons with disabilities in the agricultural industry with specialized assistance regarding adaptations or modifications of agricultural equipment.

- (d) From the appropriation under section 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall expend \$40,000 in each of state fiscal years 2001–02 and 2002–03 to provide recycled medical equipment, including wheelchairs, and equipment parts, maintenance, and distribution costs to persons with disabilities.
- (e) From the appropriation under section 20.435 (7) (c) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall award grants of \$30,000 in each of state fiscal years 2001–02 and 2002–03 to each of the eight independent living centers for the severely disabled, to provide information, resources, and assessments for the needs for assistive technology and adaptive equipment of persons with disabilities who are residents of the independent living centers."
 - 7. Page 1420, line 19: after that line insert:

"(f) Assistive technology and adaptive equipment. The treatment of sections 20.435 (6) (a) (by SECTION 721s), (7) (bc) (by SECTION 725b), and (7) (c) (by SECTION 726q) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2003.".

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SENATE AMENDMENT SENATE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

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FOR 2001–03 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

CAUCUS SENATE AMENDMENT

TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

1	At the locations indicated,	amend the substitute	amendment as follows:

- 2 **1.** Page 130, line 14: delete lines 14 and 15.
- 3 **2.** Page 212, line 15: delete "council on".
- 3. Page 212, line 16: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2001–02 by \$30,000 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2002–03 by \$30,000 to increase funding for assistive technology and adaptive equipment for persons with physical disabilities.
- 8 **4.** Page 214, line 3: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2001–02 by \$60,000 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2002–03 by \$60,000 to

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- increase funding for the provision of statewide systemic advocacy on assistive technology issues by the protection and advocacy agency.
 - 5. Page 214, line 125: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2001-02 by \$30,000 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2002-03 by \$30,000 to increase funding for provision of specialized assistance to persons with disabilities in the agricultural industry.
 - 6. Page 214, line 15: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2001-02 by \$40,000 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2002-03 by \$40,000 to increase funding for provision of recycled medical equipment, equipment parts, maintenance, and distribution costs to persons with disabilities.
 - 7. Page 214, line 16: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2001–02 by \$240,000 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2002–03 by \$240,000 to increase funding for independent living centers to provide for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment needs of independent living center residents.
 - **8.** Page 310, line 15: delete lines 15 to 17.
 - 9. Page 365, line 9: after that line insert:
 - "Section 721r. 20.435 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
 - 20.435 (6) (a) General program operations; projects; council on physical disabilities. The amounts in the schedule for general program operations, including field services and administrative services, for the demonstration projects under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9123 (3) (a) and, for operation of the council on physical disabilities under s. 46.29, and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (15j) (a)."

SECTION 721s. 20.435 (6) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), is amended to read:

20.435 (6) (a) General program operations; projects; council on physical disabilities. The amounts in the schedule for general program operations, including field services and administrative services, for the demonstration projects under 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9123 (3) (a), and for operation of the council on physical disabilities under s. 46.29, and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (15i) (a)."

- 10. Page 365, line 21: after "46.48" insert "and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (15i) (b), (c), and (d)".
 - 11. Page 366, line 12: after that line insert:

"Section 725b. 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), is amended to read:

20.435 (7) (bc) Grants for community programs. The amounts in the schedule for grants for community programs under s. 46.48 and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (1) (b), (c), and (d). Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (b) and 20.002 (1), the department of health and family services may credit or deposit into this appropriation funds for the purpose specified in s. 46.48 (13) that the department transfers from the appropriation under par. (bL) that are allocated by the department under that appropriation but unexpended or unencumbered on June 30 of each year. Except for amounts

authorized to be carried forward under s. 46.48 and as otherwise provided in this paragraph, all funds allocated but not encumbered by December 31 of each year lapse to the general fund on the next January 1 unless carried forward to the next calendar year by the joint committee on finance. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department shall transfer from this appropriation account to the appropriation account for the department of workforce development under s. 20.445 (3) (dz) funds allocated by the department under s. 46.48 (30) but unexpended on June 30 of each year."

12. Page 366, line 20: after that line insert:

"Section 726p. 20.435 (7) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (7) (c) *Independent living centers*. The amounts in the schedule for the purpose of making grants to independent living centers for the severely disabled under s. 46.96 and under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (15j) (e).

SECTION 726q. 20.435 (7) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), is amended to read:

20.435 (7) (c) Independent living centers. The amounts in the schedule for the purpose of making grants to independent living centers for the severely disabled under s. 46.96 and under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (†) (e).".

- 13. Page 1291, line 17: delete lines 17 to 25.
- **14.** Page 1292, line 18: delete lines 18 to 23.
- **15.** Page 1293, line 10: delete lines 10 to 14.
- **16.** Page 1338, line 20: after that line insert:
 - "(15j) Assistive technology and adaptive equipment. (a) From the appropriation account under section 20.435 (6) (a) of the statutes, the subunit in the

department of health and family services that deals with physical disabilities shall expend \$30,000 in each of state fiscal year 2001–02 and 2002–03 to administer funding for assistive technology and adaptive equipment for persons with physical disabilities; develop statewide reporting mechanisms, contract performance evaluation, and training; and work with vendors to obtain updated assistive technology and adaptive equipment.

- (b) From the appropriation account under section 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall distribute \$60,000 in each of state fiscal years 2001–02 and 2002–03 to the protection and advocacy agency designated under section 51.62 (2) of the statutes to provide statewide systemic advocacy on assistive technology issues, including assessing barriers to the provision of assistive technology in school systems, human services programs, businesses, and public and private insurance programs.
- (c) From the appropriation account under section 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall distribute \$30,000 in each of state fiscal years 2001–02 and 2002–03 to the Easter Seals Society of Wisconsin, Inc., to provide persons with disabilities in the agricultural industry with specialized assistance regarding adaptations or modifications of agricultural equipment.
- (d) From the appropriation account under section 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall expend \$40,000 in each of state fiscal years 2001–02 and 2002–03 to provide recycled medical equipment, including wheelchairs, and equipment parts, maintenance, and distribution costs to persons with disabilities.
- (e) From the appropriation account under section 20.435 (7) (c) of the statutes, the department of health and family services shall award grants of \$30,000 in each

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17. Page 1420, line 19: after that line insert:

"(18j) Assistive technology and adaptive equipment. The treatment of sections 20.435 (6) (a) (by Section 721s), (7) (bc) (by Section 725b), and (7) (c) (by Section 726q) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2003.".

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SDC:.....Keckhaver – CN5021, Independent living assistive technology FOR 2001–03 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION CAUCUS SENATE AMENDMENT TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

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SECTION 721s. 20.435 (6) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), is amended to read:

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- 10. Page 365, line 21: after "46.48" insert "and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (15j) (b), (c), and (d)".
 - 11. Page 366, line 12: after that line insert:

"Section 725b. 20.435 (7) (bc) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), is amended to read:

20.435 (7) (bc) Grants for community programs. The amounts in the schedule for grants for community programs under s. 46.48 and for the assistive technology and adaptive equipment program under 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 9123 (15j) (b), (c), and (d). Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (b) and 20.002 (1), the department of health and family services may credit or deposit into this appropriation funds for the purpose specified in s. 46.48 (13) that the department transfers from the appropriation under par. (bL) that are allocated by the department under that appropriation but unexpended or unencumbered on June 30 of each year. Except for amounts

authorized to be carried forward under s. 46.48 and as otherwise provided in this paragraph, all funds allocated but not encumbered by December 31 of each year lapse to the general fund on the next January 1 unless carried forward to the next calendar year by the joint committee on finance. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department shall transfer from this appropriation account to the appropriation account for the department of workforce development under s. 20.445 (3) (dz) funds allocated by the department under s. 46.48 (30) but unexpended on June 30 of each year."

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 - **SECTION 726q.** 20.435 (7) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2001 Wisconsin Act (this act), is amended to read:
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